

THE 650 SHEETS WERE DELIVERED BY SSERUGUNDA ON BEHALF OF THE KING

KISORO

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Muganza Church of Uganda in Muhabura Diocese, Kisoro district, this week received iron sheets with one directive — take them.

The donation is from the self-styled king of the Bafumbira, Caesar Mulenga.

The story dates back to 2013, when Muganza Christians started to construct the church. According to the Kisoro resident district commissioner, Haji Shafiq Sekandi, when they reached the roofing level there were disagreements. A section of church members insisted they wanted iron sheets from Mulenga while other members said they could roof the church using their own resources.

Sekandi said following the misunderstandings, security suspended development activities at the church.

Then last week, a section of the church members brought 300 iron sheets, but the faction allied to Mulenga prevented the bishop from roofing the church.

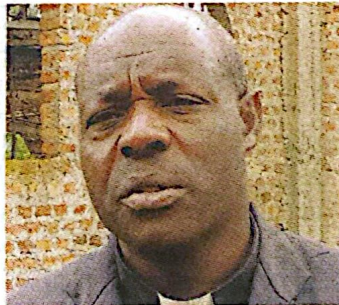
They camped at the church insisting that they wanted iron sheets from the king.

When iron sheets from the king were brought, the Police provided security so that the other section does not disrupt the delivery.

The 650 sheets were delivered by one Eng. Sserugunda, a local politician who lost to Sam Bitangaro in the Bafumbira South parliamentary elections.

Sekandi said security stopped a

Police forces church to accept donation



The Rev. Can. Philpot Muhire

fundraising which was organised by Bishop Cranima Mugisha, where Sam Bitangaro had been invited as chief guest to raise money to roof the church.

According to the dean of Muhabura Diocese, the Rev. Can. Philpot Muhire, the conflict was caused because Mulenga proclaimed himself king yet Kisoro has never had kings.

Bernard Bitambaje, the chairperson of the Christian community, said they struggled to construct the church that will have capacity to accommodate 1,000 people compared to the old one which accommodates 200 only.

The minister of state for regional affairs, Philemon Mateke, said



Muganza Church of Uganda in Muhabura Diocese, Kisoro district is at the centre of the conflict and remains incomplete

Mugisha is failing the development of the people of Kisoro district.

The MP for Bafumbira North, John Kamara, accused Mulenga of disorganising and dividing the people of Kisoro using money.

Kamara said MPs from Kisoro had mobilised funds towards the work of God, but wonders why Sekandi and Mulenga stopped the fundraising.

Mulenga's office in Kisoro was closed and his loyalists almost lynched journalists covering the events.

The officer in charge of Kisoro Police Station, Hassan Sekalema, ordered journalists to go away because "people do not want the press at Muganza Church of Uganda."